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SECOND SESSION - FIRST - DAY IMPRESSIONS

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1. AS PER REFTTEL, OPENING SESSION DELAYED TO LATE AFTERNOON TO ALLOW PROSPECTIVE CHAIRMAN NAIK TO CONSULT AND MAKE PLANS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL COURSE GROUP OF 77 WOULD FOLLOW WAS PUT FORWARD AT MONDAY AM MEETING IN BRAZILIAN EMBASSY CHAIRED BY RAPPORTIEUR BRITO. WE UNDERSTAND DISCUSSION FURTHER PURSUED AT LUNCHEON WHICH INCLUDED PAKISTAN, INDIA, SWEDEN, AND NETHERLANDS REPS PLUS SEVERAL OTHERS.

2. PRE- PLENARY DISCUSSION ANI/ TANK STRESSED IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO MEANINGFUL RES FROM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL TO ECOSOC. NAIK INDICATED GENERAL AWARENESS U. S. VIEWS WHICH FOLLOWED ALONG LINES COMMUNICATED TO MOSAK AND TALWAR MAY 11. NAIK WAS HOPEFUL THAT USEFUL AGREEMENTS COULD EMERGE AND HE STATED WELL AWARE THAT REPETITION OF UNCTAD RESULT COULD DAMAGE CONTINUED
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EXISTENCE OF STRATEGY TO DETRIMENT OF LDC'S. HE INDICATED HIS HOPE THAT THE U. S. WOULD SPEAK EARLY IN SESSION AND FELT THAT THREE DAYS OF SPEECHES WOULD SUFFICE. HE INDICATED SOME POTENTIAL SPEAKERS MIGHT BE DISCOURAGED

FROM TAKING FLOOR, INCLUDING THOSE WHO MIGHT BE EXTREME IN THEIR SENTIMENTS. HE PLANNED TO HAVE INFORMAL MEETINGS OF ESPECIALLY INTERESTED DELEGATIONS LEADING TO DRAFT R&A RES IN SECOND WEEK FOR CONSIDERATION BY PLENARY IN THIRD WEEK. SUCH PROPOSAL, WHILE SEEKING MAXIMUM AGREEMENT, WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ITEMS NOT AGREED " IN SQUARE BRACKETS" FOR REVIEW IN PLENARY. IT WAS HIS HOPE TO KEEP GROUP SMALL, EVENTUALLY IF NOT INITIALLY.

3. AFTER FORMAL ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN, NAIK POINTED TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION REPORTED REFTEL. FULL MEANING HIS STRESS ON CITATION OF NEED " TO EXAMINE OBSTACLES OR REASONS FOR SHORTFALLS AND NEW AND REVISED GOALS AND POLICY MEASURE AS REQUIRED" IS YET TO BE SEEN.

4. HOUR MEETING WITH DUTCH REP VAN GORKOM INDICATED FURTHER THAT MONDAY LUNCHEON GROUP REFERRED ABOVE VISUALIZED R&A REPORT TO ECOSOC IN THREE PARTS: CURRENT SITUATION; FURTHER WORK TO BE DONE; AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS OF STRATEGY. VAN GORKOM INDICATED HE COULD ACCEPT THIS OUTLINE. TANK INDICATED HE COULD ACCEPT PART II BUT CERTAINLY WOULD RESERVE ON PARTS I AND III, EXPLAINING OUR RATIONALE THAT WHILE WE APPROVED GENERAL THRUST OF SG AND CDP REPORTS, WE FEEL THAT IT IS NOT TIMELY TO REVISE STRATEGY AND IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FORMULATE TEXT WITHOUT EXTENSIVE FURTHER STUDY IN ANY EVENT. RESERVATION ON DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION WAS BASED ON EXPERIENCE UNCTAD/ TDB AND OUR ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY APPROPRIATELY BALANCED TEXT. VAN GORKOM INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THESE POINTS AFTER DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF TDB FIFTH SESSION MEETINGS. VAN GORKOM RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC RE GOOD OUTCOME THIS SESSION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF DISCUSSIONS AND ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING IN ECOSOC MEETING JUST CONCLUDED.

5. PRE- MEETING DISCUSSION WITH INDIAN DEPUTY REP INDICATED HIS KNOWLEDGE OUR VIEWS ON SG AND CDP REPORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND HOPES FOR OUTCOME THIS MEETING. ASSUME MOSAK/ TALWAR WAS SOURCE AS PER PARA 2 ABOVE. SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM REPEATED IN U. S. STATEMENT. OF SPECIAL INTEREST WAS INDIAN REP SPEECH NOMINATING ITALIAN FOR VICE- PRESIDENT IN WHICH FORMER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT COMMITTEE COULD HAVE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION LEADING TO FRUITFUL AGREEMENTS IN COURSE OF THIS MEETING.

6. IN TANK DISCUSSION WITH SWEDISH AMBASSADOR INGA THORSSON, SHE INDICATED HER GENERAL AGREEMENT U. S. VIEWS EXPRESSED IN STATE 89075. SHE SAID SHE WOULD SPEAK EARLY AND STRESS NEED FOR EMPHASIS ON POPULATION PLANNING AND MASS POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH, OF COURSE

WE WOULD SUPPORT. SHEEXPRESSED NEED FOR POSITIVE THINKING AND GOOD RESOLUTION TO COME FROM R& A COMMITTEE AND HER FIRM AGREEMENT TO HAVING R& A COMMITTEE MEETING IN 1974. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG FEELING THAT R& A ACTIVITY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ECOSOC RESPONSIBILITY, NOT REPEAT NOT UNCTAD. AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE U. S. WOULD SPEAK EARLY IN SESSION.

7. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH CANDIAN REP (WILSON) MONDAY AM FURTHER INDICATED AGREEMENT TO MEANINGFUL RESOLUTION R& A COMMITTEE MEETING '74 BUT RESERVATIONS AAS TO JUST HOW, WHEN AND BY WHOM RESOLUTION SHOULD BE INTRICED. THESE CONCERNS NOW OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. BELIEVE WE CAN EXPECT CANADIAN SUPPORT OUR VIEWS. DELEGATION SUFFERS FROM LACK OF DOCUMENTATION AND RATHER INADEQUATE HOMEWORK.

8. U. K. DELEGATION IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR SITUATION TO CANADIANS, TENDS TO BE RESERVED RE EXPECTATIONS OUTCOME THIS SESSION, AND HAS DIFFICULTIES WITH CDP REPORT. AFTER PETTIT/ TANK DISCUSSION, THEY PLAN TO REREAD IT. FEEL U. K. HAS TENDENCY TO HOPE ECOSOC OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL DO BETTER THAN R& A ON RESOLUTION.

9. FACTS THAT MOST REPRESENTATION BY PERM DELS NY AND THAT VERY FEW COUNTRIES APPEAR TO HAVE REVIEWED VERY EXTNSIVE DOCUMENTATION TO DATE, SUGGESTS FIELD POTENTIALLY RIPE FOR POLITICAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES. ON OTHER HAND, SEEMS THERE IS ALSO GENERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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